(d) whether any time frame has been worked out to cover all eligible urban poor under this scheme and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as per the data available with them for 155 out of 198 centres in the State of Madhya Pradesh, 30,800 applications were received in those centres against the corresponding target of 16,384. The complete picture regarding the receipt of the applications, number and amount sanctioned would emerge only after the data for the whole financial year becomes available.

(c) No survey for the determination of the number of urban poor, has so far been made by RBI/Commercial Banks.

(d) No, Sir. However, the Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor would be continued for the next financial year i.e. 1987-88 also.

**Acquisition of F-16C Aircraft by Pakistan**

2657. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that Pakistan is likely to get twenty F-16C multipurpose aircraft which are more sophisticated than the highly rated F-16 and have superior avionics as well as greater capability to carry missiles and other weapons; if so, whether the issue has been taken up with the US Government; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet the situation created by the likely acquisition of the new highly sophisticated aircraft by Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government have seen press reports in this regard. Government's concern about such arms transfers to Pakistan has been conveyed to the U.S. Government on a number of occasions in the past.

(b) Adequate steps have been taken to meet any eventualities. It would not be in the public interest to disclose details regarding the steps taken.

2658. [*Transferred to the 20th March, 1987*]

**Function at Madras-Kodaikanal T.V. link**

2659. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had sent invitation cards to all the M.P.s of Tamil Nadu requesting them to attend the function of Madras-Kodaikanal T.V. link held in January, 1987; and

(b) if so, the number of Ministers and M.Rs. those were allowed to address the function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Three Union Ministers of State, one Minister of the Government of Tamil Nadu and one Member of Parliament addressed the gathering at the function.

***Mounting Central spending***

2660. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarared Question 1123 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it has been stated that Government expenditure had gone up 30.7 percent in 1985-86 from 9.56 per cent in 1950-51; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such mounting spent expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The Insti-